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## NEW ORLEANS IS JEOPARDIZED BY IMPERFECT LEVEES

Major D. C. Derby of the Government Corps of Engineers Utters Warning in Official Report.

200,000 LIVES ARE IN PERIL.

In Time of High Water Caving Banks Would Break Levee and Inundate Lowlands.

CITY'S WORK CRITICISED.

Says Danger Is Lightly Regarded Because No Disaster Ever Has Occurred and That Risk Should Be Removed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Washington, July 29.—Constant danger of destruction during the time of high water threatens 200,000 residents of New Orleans on account of the poor construction of the levees protecting a part of the Crescent City, according to the report of Major D. C. Derby, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., just received at the War Department.

He urges that the risk which is lightly regarded, because the levees have never yet broken in time of high water, should be promptly obviated before a great disaster will have paid a fearful price for negligence. He points out that the levees are for miles constructed at the very edge of the river banks, which are constantly washed out and caved in, and that, if a crevasse in the levee occurs in time of high water, nothing could prevent a terrible loss of life and property.

Differences Among Experts.  
Behind the report, which is a part of the report of the Mississippi River Commission, lies a story of differences between the army engineers, who superintend the work of dredging and levee construction done by the Government, and the municipal authorities, who render like service in the work carried on by the city of New Orleans.

The engineers have held for a long time that the work done by the city is incomplete and unsafe. Frequent protests have been made, and the feeling over the matter has come to be quite pronounced. Engineers here, who are familiar with the situation, declare that the city government of New Orleans is feeling blindly secure because an accident of the kind feared has never occurred in the past.

Danger of Banks Caving In.  
Major Derby speaks in his report of the vast amount of work done on the river at New Orleans in repairing the banks and protecting them so as to give permanency to the shore line to permit the construction of elevators, wharves and other shipping facilities. He speaks of the danger of being underwashed, which threatens the banks of the river, and says:

"Consequently, no levee located within 200 feet of such a bank can be considered entirely safe, however good a levee it may be otherwise, for there is always a chance of its caving into the river at high water. Of course, such a risk would not generally be a great one, since high water crevasse is a rare occurrence, and the result of a crevasse is not usually overwhelming.

Thousands of Lives Jeopardized.

"But, I wish to call attention to the fact that in the city of New Orleans there are many thousands of feet of levee located on the edge of such banks as I have described, and we have a population of probably 200,000 people who are living behind these levees on low land in one-story frame buildings, so that a sudden crevasse occurring in the levee line of the city at or near high water would probably be most disastrous and accompanied by great loss of life.

"It is in my judgment, a great mistake to take this risk any longer than is absolutely necessary, and I would recommend that funds be provided to complete the project for the protection of the banks as promptly as practicable, instead of at only one-sixth the rate which has been recommended for the past ten years."

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 4:48 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:34.

THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW AT 1:34.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and Vicinity—Unsettled, but probably fair.

For Missouri and West Texas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

For Illinois—Fair Wednesday and Thursday, except showers in south.

Pace.

2. Police to Inaugurate Campaign of Cleanliness.

First Regiment Trouble Originated at a Dance.

3. Coast Cities Swept by Cyclone.

Seventh District Primary Delegates.

4. Work Has Started on Cascade Gardens.

Comber's Policy Now Less Opposed.

Councilor Forced Out After Marriage.

## OIL INTERESTS UNITE IN WORLD'S GREATEST TRUST.

Rockefeller, Rothschild and Nobel Represented in Combine Which Has Been Formed, According to the London Daily Mail, to Control the Petroleum Trade in All Countries of the Globe—Work Was Perfected Silently.

GIANT MERGER MAY HAVE CAUSED RUSSIA'S ANTITRUST MOVE.

London, July 29.—In its issue of this morning the Daily Mail asserts there is no longer any doubt that the three monster oil interests of Rockefeller, Rothschild and Nobel have entered into a working agreement.

"Thus," says the paper, "without any publicity the greatest trust the world has ever seen has sprung into being."

This combination, says the paper, has been hinted at in messages from Batoum and Moscow, and it has been more clearly shown in the efforts made to Russian oil exporters by Representatives of the Nobel and Rothschild interests for the absorption of the whole of their output.

The exporters have been forbidden to sell through the agencies of these interests, except at a price arranged by them, or to fight the combined forces of the three oil giants. This offer was made openly and with the idea of maintaining prices, and it has been refused, the Russian exporters preferring to fight.

"It was doubtless this combine," continues the Daily Mail, "which induced the Russian Government to issue invitations to an anti-trust conference."

The spokesmen of the great combines declare it means a fight to the death, and that the independent exporters cannot hope to win.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., July 29.—Jesse P. Lyman, president of the G. H. Hammond Packing Company, to-night admitted that the big packing houses were "canvassing the situation with a view to concentration of interests."

This is regarded as the most authoritative statement yet made concerning the proposed combination.

La Salle street financiers and stock buyers are proceeding on the assumption that the combination is to be effected and it was stated to-day that the scheme has developed so far that, following a meeting of the packers or their representatives in New York this week and the formation of the trust, its leaders will gather at a secret meeting, probably abroad, for the purpose of devising plans for gaining control of the packing business in Europe and finally of the world.

The New York meeting, it is said, is for the purpose of completing the merging of the large plants of Armour, Swift and Morris under one management and electing officers.

MAIN ENTRANCE ON LINDELL

PROPOSED BY MR. RAMSEY.

President of the Wabash Presents Park View Realty Company's Offer, Which, if Accepted, Will Insure Location of a Monumental Entrance at Lindell and De Baliviere Avenues and Provide for Wabash and Rock Island Depots With Depressed Tracks.

SKINKER ROAD PLANS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY ARRANGEMENTS.

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## ONE MAN KILLED-- FOUR ARE INJURED IN A CAR COLLISION.

Grant West Died Instantly and All Occupants Spilled Into Street.

MERRYMAKERS NOT WARNED.

Street Car Was Approaching on Track Used for Traffic in Opposite Direction.

DRIVER HELD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Not Until the Collision Occurred Was Mistake Discovered—Motorman Could Not Stop in Time.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Louis, Mo., July 29.—A collision between a street car and a private automobile, which resulted in the death of one man and the injury of four others, occurred last night at the intersection of the main street and the street car track.

The accident occurred at the intersection of the main street and the street car track, where a street car was approaching on a track used for traffic in the opposite direction.

The driver of the automobile, who was traveling on the main street, was held the right-of-way, and the street car driver was unable to stop in time to avoid the collision.

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## "THE VAMPIRE," WHICH W. K. VANDERBILT BOUGHT FOR \$18,400.



Photograph of Sir Philip Burne-Jones and his famous painting, which has been sold to an American for a small fortune.

## CARDINAL GOTTI IN LEDOCHOWSKI'S POST

Appointment Regarded as Indicating Pope's Choice for His Own Successor.

OTHER CHANGES ARE MADE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.